

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 24, 2014

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Robert Peay
Commissioner Tiffany Phillips
Commissioner Doug Shafer
Commissioner Robert Stevens
Commissioner Matt Young
Commissioner Gary Farley, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Jeff Davidson
Larry Farley Lynn Duke
Michael Gregory Dan Goode
Mike Nunley Tharrel Kast
Bernard Salandy Joe Russell
Mary Schneider Robert Arnold
Melanie Meshotto Steve Smith
Randy White Becky Shelton

Chairman Farley presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with six members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

PAWS REPORT:

Michael Gregory presented the PAWS report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the PAWS report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Gregory next presented a proposed budget amendment to (1) pay for part-time and overtime expenses for the remainder of the current fiscal year; (2) recognize donations and expense for purchase of camera and lights for photography of adoptable animals and (3) recognize donations and contributions from animal abuse training.

From: 101-55120-164 Attendants -	\$17,000
To: 101-55120-169 Part-Time Personnel -	\$10,000
To: 101-55120-187 Overtime Pay -	\$ 7,000
To: 101-44570 Contributions & Gifts -	\$ 1,000
To: 101-55120-499 Other Supplies & Materials -	\$ 1,000
To: 101-48130 Contributions & Gifts -	\$ 885
To: 101-48610 Donations -	\$ 2,500
To: 101-55120-413 Drugs & Medical Supplies -	\$ 2,885
To: 101-55120-435 Office Supplies -	\$ 500

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to approve the budget transfer for PAWS as requested. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Gregory advised another donation has been received and one is supposed to be in the mail. Chairman Farley advised Mr. Gregory could take those donations on to the Budget Committee if they were in by that time.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT:

Tharrel Kast presented the Emergency Management Agency report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the Emergency Management Agency report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

Larry Farley presented the County Fire/Rescue report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the County Fire/Rescue report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER REPORT:

Bernard Salandy presented the Correctional Work Center report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the Correctional Work Center report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Salandy next presented a proposed budget amendment to purchase 150 mattresses for prisoners.

From: 101-54220-399 Other Contracted Services -	\$ 7,000
To: 101-54220-441 Prisoners Clothing -	\$ 7,000

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the budget transfer for the Correctional Work Center as requested. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

OSHA REPORT:

Dan Goode presented the OSHA report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Stevens moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the OSHA report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Joe Russell presented proposed budget amendments to (1) provide for food preparation supplies and (2) recognize revenue from insurance recovery for a wreck vehicle as follows:

From: 54210-717 Maint. Equip -	\$12,000
From: 54210-790 Other Equip -	\$ 2,000
To: 54210-421 Food Prep. Supplies -	\$14,000
To: 101-49700 Ins. Recovery -	\$10,257
To: 54110-718 New Vehicles -	\$10,257

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the budget transfer for the Sheriff's Office as requested. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Russell next presented a proposed budget amendment to provide additional funds for overtime for the narcotic positions in the General Fund.

To: 122-44530 Sale of Equipment -	\$12,000
To: 122-34525 Restricted for Public Safety -	\$28,000
To: 122-99100-590 Transfers to Other Funds -	\$40,000
To: 101-49800 Operating Transfers -	\$40,000

To: 101-54110-187 Overtime Pay -	\$33,230
To: 101-54110-201 Social Security -	\$ 2,065
To: 101-54110-204 State Retirement -	\$ 4,220
To: 101-54110-212 Employer Medicare -	\$ 485

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the budget transfers for the Sheriff's Department as requested. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Sheriff Arnold provided the line item report with commendations for the use and information of the Committee.

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the Sheriff's Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Sheriff Arnold advised an auction would be held April 12 at the Sheriff's Department to sell drug confiscated vehicles and old patrol cars.

The Committee was reminded the next regular meeting is scheduled for April 28 and Chairman Farley is unable to attend the same. The Sheriff previously requested the meeting be held at the jail. It was the consensus of the Committee to hold the meeting as scheduled on April 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the jail with a consent agenda for all departments other than the Sheriff's Department. Department heads are not required to attend the meeting April 28 unless they have a budget amendment.

DRUG COURT REPORT:

Mary Schneider had no report to present but did present her proposed 14/15 budget. Mayor Burgess advised it was a continuation budget not taking into consideration salaries. The Committee was advised it is a self-funding department except for approximately \$30,000. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to approve the 14/15 Drug Court budget as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

JUVENILE DETENTION REPORT:

Lynn Duke presented the Juvenile Detention report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the Juvenile Detention report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Ms. Duke next presented her proposed 14/15 Juvenile Detention budget advising it was a small overall decrease. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the 14/15 Juvenile Detention budget as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Ms. Duke next provided a carry over budget for Title 1 for the information of the Committee.

AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT:

Mike Nunley presented the Ambulance Service report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner T.

Phillips, to approve the Ambulance Service report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Nunley next presented proposed budget amendments advising salaries were increased in 105 and 119 after the budget was passed and he was requesting to transfer adequate funds from paraprofessionals' payroll line item. Due to several personnel out on FMLA this year, the Ambulance Service has used more overtime and part-time funds than anticipated. Additionally, due to the extremely cold winter, more was spent on utilities than anticipated.

From: 118-55130-133 Paraprofessionals' Payroll -	\$104,000
To: 118-55130-105 Supervisor/Director Payroll -	\$ 12,000
To: 118-55130-169 Part-time Personnel Payroll -	\$ 80,000
To: 118-55130-187 Overtime Pay -	\$ 12,000

From: 118-55130-148 Dispatch Payroll -	\$ 3,800
To: 118-55130-119 Office Payroll -	\$ 3,800

From: 118-55130-451 Uniforms -	\$ 9,000
To: 118-55130-452 Utilities -	\$ 9,000

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the budget transfer for the Ambulance Service as requested. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Nunley next presented a proposed budget amendment to purchase radios for all ambulance stations advising they experience communication problems with the portable radios at some of the outlying stations inside the buildings.

From: 118-55130-312 Contracts w Private Agencies -	\$12,000
To: 118-55130-708 Communication Equipment -	\$12,000

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the budget transfer for the Ambulance Service as requested. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Commissioner Young suggested looking at battery back-ups for the radios.

Mayor Burgess advised the dispatch consoles being purchased are compatible with the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Nunley presented his proposed 14/15 Ambulance Service budget for consideration by the Committee advising it is approximately \$1,000,000 less than last year due to one time capital expenses in last year's budget.

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the Ambulance Service budget as presented minus the dispatch expenses until get the cost to consolidate dispatch with the Sheriff's Department."

Commissioner Peay questioned if there was enough room at the jail to house all dispatchers. Commissioner Young advised he wanted to study the issue instead of continuing to put it off and the Sheriff has the right to the PSAP. Mr. Nunley advised he never heard of this.

Mayor Burgess advised there is no money for equipment in the 14/15 budget. It is in the current budget. Mayor Burgess advised it is virtual consolidation and to put dispatch in one location would require a capital cost. Commissioner Young advised he wanted all relevant parties together to discuss the issue. Commissioner Young advised under T.C.A. the Sheriff is entitled to have the PSAP and everyone else gets permitted. Steve Smith advised the original 911

law entitled those entities dispatching at that time the authority to retain dispatching. Commissioner Young advised he wanted dispatch under one roof and one administrator. Mr. Nunley advised the parties involved have never reached an agreement on operation.

Mr. Smith reminded the Committee originally there were technical operating issues at the Sheriff's Department and Ambulance Service. When 911 was approved, they had an independent consultant which found the stakeholders chose dual bank control which is a good contingency plan if a location goes down. The back up center has five positions and E911 put in five more so the back up system is in place. Additionally the E911 has made a commitment to the County radio tower project.

Commissioner Young asked if there was money available for Sheriff's Department and Ambulance to be dispatched at the same time. Mr. Smith advised there are financial limitations but technology is an acceptable expenditure per the Comptroller Office's parameters.

Commissioner Peay advised he did not think the County needed all dispatchers in one location and this was holding the dispatch system at the Ambulance Service hostage because they need the equipment. Commissioner Peay advised the Committee needed to sit down with the stakeholders and discuss the issue but also needed to forward the budget on as the County doesn't have the money to make the changes now. Commissioner Young advised he did not hold up the money for the consoles but wanted to hold money on the dispatcher positions and potentially move it to the Sheriff's Office.

"Commissioner Young rescinded his motion with the consent of Commissioner Shafer who seconded the same."

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to bring all County stakeholders to the table to talk about consolidating the dispatch including the County Mayor, Fire Chief, E911, Sheriff and Ambulance Director with a report to the Public Safety Committee on recommendations by the May meeting. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mayor Burgess asked for a definition of consolidation. Commissioner Young advised it was dispatching under one roof and under one person where things get dispatched with clarity. Mr. Nunley advised he did not think any calls had been dropped between the Sheriff's Department and the Ambulance Service. Commissioner Young advised it is a duplication of service. Commissioner Peay advised he wanted to know if it can save money. Commissioner Young advised a back up location is at E911.

Commissioner Young advised he asked for a plan last month and the Sheriff went to the Mayor who said it wouldn't happen. Mayor Burgess advised it needed to be studied as to location and the capital requirement as well as any savings on personnel. Mr. Nunley advised a feasibility study was needed by an outside agency. Mayor Burgess advised for next year the Committee needed to proceed with the budget as is and may want to include money for a feasibility study for an unbiased decision. Commissioner Young advised a study will cost approximately \$100,000 and he has asked the same questions every year for the last four years. Mr. Nunley advised emergency medical dispatchers have to be licensed and maintain the same every year. State law requires EMS dispatch first responders. Commissioner Young advised one agency could dispatch all departments. Mr. Nunley advised the County could farm out all dispatch to an independent company. Mr. Nunley advised he and Steve Lane previously told County Executive Mankin they wanted consolidated dispatch but the Sheriff's Department never wanted it so the County doesn't have it. Mr. Smith advised this is not as simple as rearranging people and need at least a year to implement the change. Commissioner Young advised he did not care who

ran dispatch but he wanted a plan. Mayor Burgess advised E911 paid for a study that is being implemented now and is virtual consolidation. Any additional study would be whether to put in on location. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the 14/15 Ambulance Service budget as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Farley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

GARY FARLEY, Chairman